



# STONEHAM

## Middlesex County



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## NARRATIVE

### **Narrative**

Stoneham is located 9 miles north of Boston at the interchange of 93 and 95 providing easy access to all parts of New England.

The town is a community of families which enjoys park areas, the Stone Zoo, a municipal skating arena, a municipal nine hole golf course and a soon to be completed par three golf course. Through both public and private sponsorship, Stoneham emphasizes youth participation in sports and other activities.

The town is presently beginning the process to renovate the central business district with the active participation of the business community.

(Narrative supplied by community)



# GEOGRAPHY

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## Location

Eastern Massachusetts, bordered by Reading and Wakefield on the north and northeast, Wakefield and Melrose on the east, Medford and Malden on the south, and Winchester and Woburn on the west. Stoneham is 9 miles west of Lynn, 13 miles north of Boston, 18 miles south of Lowell, and 230 miles from New York City.

**Total Area:** 6.70 sq. miles

**Land Area:** 6.14 sq. miles

**Population:** 22,203

**Density:** 3,616 per sq. mile

## Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Reading Station)

Normal temperature in January.....24.5°F

Normal temperature in July.....71.0°F

Normal annual precipitation.....46.6"

## U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Boston North, Reading

## Regional Planning Agency

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

## Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)

Boston



# GOVERNMENT

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## Municipal Offices

Main Number: (781) 279-2650

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

## Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Town Administrator

Open Town Meeting

## Year Incorporated

As a town: 1725

## Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 12,869

Democrats 5,100 39.6 % Republicans 1,688 13.1 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 6,081 47.3 %

## Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



# DEMOGRAPHICS

**Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000**

Geographic Area: Stoneham town, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	22,219	100.0	<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>		
<b>SEX AND AGE</b>			Total population.....	22,219	100.0
Male.....	10,462	47.1	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	397	1.8
Female.....	11,757	52.9	Mexican.....	42	0.2
Under 5 years.....	1,287	5.8	Puerto Rican.....	100	0.5
5 to 9 years.....	1,303	5.9	Cuban.....	20	0.1
10 to 14 years.....	1,324	6.0	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	235	1.1
15 to 19 years.....	1,072	4.8	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	21,822	98.2
20 to 24 years.....	975	4.4	White alone.....	20,875	94.0
25 to 34 years.....	3,063	13.8	<b>RELATIONSHIP</b>		
35 to 44 years.....	3,683	16.6	Total population.....	22,219	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	3,247	14.6	In households.....	21,932	98.7
55 to 59 years.....	1,175	5.3	Householder.....	9,050	40.7
60 to 64 years.....	982	4.4	Spouse.....	4,808	21.6
65 to 74 years.....	1,982	8.9	Child.....	6,390	28.8
75 to 84 years.....	1,515	6.8	Own child under 18 years.....	4,388	19.7
85 years and over.....	611	2.7	Other relatives.....	942	4.2
Median age (years).....	40.6	(X)	Under 18 years.....	227	1.0
18 years and over.....	17,562	79.0	Nonrelatives.....	742	3.3
Male.....	8,100	36.5	Unmarried partner.....	323	1.5
Female.....	9,462	42.6	In group quarters.....	287	1.3
21 years and over.....	17,040	76.7	Institutionalized population.....	282	1.3
62 years and over.....	4,695	21.1	Noninstitutionalized population.....	5	-
65 years and over.....	4,108	18.5	<b>HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE</b>		
Male.....	1,582	7.1	Total households.....	9,050	100.0
Female.....	2,526	11.4	Family households (families).....	5,871	64.9
<b>RACE</b>			With own children under 18 years.....	2,417	26.7
One race.....	22,018	99.1	Married-couple family.....	4,808	53.1
White.....	21,110	95.0	With own children under 18 years.....	2,015	22.3
Black or African American.....	197	0.9	Female householder, no husband present.....	793	8.8
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.1	With own children under 18 years.....	317	3.5
Asian.....	558	2.5	Nonfamily households.....	3,179	35.1
Asian Indian.....	113	0.5	Householder living alone.....	2,721	30.1
Chinese.....	271	1.2	Householder 65 years and over.....	1,204	13.3
Filipino.....	24	0.1	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	2,571	28.4
Japanese.....	16	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	2,841	31.4
Korean.....	74	0.3	Average household size.....	2.42	(X)
Vietnamese.....	22	0.1	Average family size.....	3.07	(X)
Other Asian <sup>1</sup> .....	38	0.2	<b>HOUSING OCCUPANCY</b>		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	9	-	Total housing units.....	9,289	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	3	-	Occupied housing units.....	9,050	97.4
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	1	-	Vacant housing units.....	239	2.6
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander <sup>2</sup> .....	5	-	occasional use.....	58	0.6
Some other race.....	132	0.6	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.3	(X)
Two or more races.....	201	0.9	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	2.1	(X)
<i>Race alone or in combination with one</i>			<b>HOUSING TENURE</b>		
<i>or more other races:<sup>3</sup></i>			Occupied housing units.....	9,050	100.0
White.....	21,287	95.8	Owner-occupied housing units.....	6,187	68.4
Black or African American.....	247	1.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	2,863	31.6
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	48	0.2	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.70	(X)
Asian.....	617	2.8	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	1.84	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	16	0.1			
Some other race.....	216	1.0			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

<sup>2</sup> Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

<sup>3</sup> In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



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# HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

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**Home Sales** (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

**Subsidized Housing Units** (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

**Public Housing Units** (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 281

Conventional Federal: 0

**Rental Assistance**(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



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# TRANSPORTATION

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## TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Stoneham is situated in the Greater Boston Area, which has excellent rail, air, and highway facilities. State Route 128 and Interstate Route 495 divide the region into inner and outer zones, which are connected by numerous "spokes" providing direct access to the airport, port, and intermodal facilities of Boston.

### Major Highways

Principal highways are State Route 28 and Interstate Route 93 running N-S. I-93 forms an interchange with State Route 128, the inner belt around Boston, just over the border in the neighboring town of Reading.

### Rail

Commuter rail service to North Station, Boston, is available from the neighboring towns of Winchester, Wakefield, and Melrose. The MBTA Orange Line is accessible from Wellington, Oak Grove, and Sullivan Stations. Freight rail service is available from the Springfield Terminal Railway. Contact number: (508) 663-1073

### Bus

Stoneham is a member of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA).

### Other

L.G. Hanscom Field, a joint civil-military airport, is located in Bedford. A Reliever Airport with Commercial Service (CR), it has a 5,106' asphalt runway and a 7,001' concrete and asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Precision and non-precision. Logan International Airport is also easily accessible from Stoneham.



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# CULTURE AND RECREATION

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## LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

## MUSEUMS

## RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

**Recreational Facilities** (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



# MISCELLANEOUS

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## HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

### Hospitals

New England Memorial Hospital

### Long Term Care

Arnold House Nursing Home

Bear Hill Nursing Center at Wakefield

Sunshine Nursing Home, Inc.

### Hospices

None

### Rest Homes

Fuller House-Stoneham R.H.

### UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)



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